

House File 2179 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring school districts to observe a moment of silence
2 once during each instructional day.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 5670YH 82
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.67 OBSERVANCE == MOMENT OF
1 2 SILENCE.
1 3 The board of directors of each school district shall
1 4 establish the daily observance of a brief moment of silence in
1 5 each classroom operated by the school district. During the
1 6 daily observance of silence, each teacher responsible for a
1 7 classroom shall ensure that the moment is not conducted as a
1 8 religious exercise and that students remain seated and silent
1 9 and make no distracting display in order that each student
1 10 may, in the exercise of a student's individual choice,
1 11 meditate, pray, or engage in any other silent activity that
1 12 does not interfere with, distract, or impede other students in
1 13 their observance of silence.

1 14 EXPLANATION

1 15 This bill requires the daily observance of a brief moment
1 16 of silence in each public school classroom. The bill requires
1 17 teachers to ensure that the moment is not conducted as a
1 18 religious exercise and that students remain seated and silent
1 19 so that all students may exercise their individual choice to
1 20 meditate, pray, or engage in any other silent activity.
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